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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **WHOLE-BODY OPTICAL IMAGING OF  
GENE EXPRESSION AND USES THEREOF**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 9 December 2009, time for response to which was set to expire 9 March 2010. This response is submitted concurrently with a Request for Extension of Time by one month. This extends the time for response to 9 April 2010. Thus, the response is filed timely. All pending claims, claims 37 and 39, were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.